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1. At a meeting in Canton on 4 August 1949 attended by Nationalist Premier YEN Hsi-shan, General HU Tsung-nan (Szechuan-Shensi commander), General MA Hung-kuei (governor of Kansu) and General MA Pu-fang (head of the Northwest Military and Political Headquarters), these Nationalist leaders pledged full cooperation and YEN promised aid from the Central Government for the Northwest.
2. MA Pu-fang claims that the recent Communist gains in Kansu are of no great importance and that he can counterattack and drive back the Communists if he receives the weapons and ammunition promised by the Central Government. He also claims that he can recruit and organize an additional 300,000 Moslems if he obtains the required equipment.
3. MA Pu-fang has been training guerrillas for demolition work, but has exhausted his stock of demolitions.
4. In the recent Communist advance in Kansu, MA Pu-fang lost 30,000 men.

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